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U. S. HETMAN TO DISBAND

Ukrainian Fascist Organization Forced to Disband
continue Its Branch in This Country as Result
of Hour Exposés; Berlin Headquarters Consulted

The Hour is reliably informed that the Hetman, fascist Ukrainian organization operating under directions from Alfred Rosenberg's "Aussenpolitisches Amt" in Nazi Germany, is about to disband its United States branch. The action comes as the direct result of our exposés concerning the Fifth Column activities of this fascist band. These disclosures were reprinted in PM, The Nation and various other publications, as well as in the foreign-language press throughout the country. The Hetman was thoroughly discredited among Ukrainian-Americans because of this publicity. The Ukrainian Intergroup Committee and other such organizations expelled from their ranks the Nazi-dominated group. Finally recognizing the impossibility of effectively continuing its subversive work under its present set-up, the Hetman has decided to liquidate its organization in the United States.

Cable to Berlin

The decision to disband was reached among U. S. leaders of the Hetman. Although their judgment is final in this country, they cannot take so major a step without first receiving permission from Berlin headquarters. For this reason they have cabled the Hetman center in Nazi Germany. Their cable, appropriately enough, was sent through the German Consul General in Chicago, Illinois.

In the anti-Hetman campaign which has been carried to such a successful conclusion, special credit is due the Ukrainian Working-men's Association in Scranton, Pennsylvania. They fought tirelessly against the Nazi agents. They published every Hour article attacking the Hetmanites. And their efforts gave encouragement to the many other pro-democratic Ukrainian organizations in the United States.

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LUKE MYSHUHA, NAZI RADIO GUEST, TO LECTURE AT COLUMBIA

On Friday, March 28, Luke Myshuha, editor of the fascistic Ukrainian-language daily Svoboda, will deliver a lecture at Columbia University, New York City, on the subject of the Ukraine. This is the same Myshuha who two years ago traveled to the Third Reich and spoke over the Nazi-controlled radio system. It is also the same Myshuha whose newspaper recently published a series of articles giving detailed instructions on the making of bombs and other explosives (see The Hour for February 8, 1941).

Myshuha's speech will be part of a lecture series organized by the Department of Eastern European Languages of Columbia University, in conjunction with the Ukrainian National Association.

Fascist Affiliations of UNA

As we have previously pointed out, the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association is weighted with members known for their pro-Nazi views -- views which these members have frequently expressed publicly. Some of these directors have even signed their names to congratulatory cables to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler. It is a well-known fact that the policies of the Association have for some time been influenced by the ODWU and the Hetman, twin fascist Ukrainian organizations which receive their orders from Berlin headquarters in Nazi Germany.

Sponsoring this lecture series at Columbia University is Professor Clarence Manning, who wrote an announcement of the lectures for the pro-Nazi, bomb-describing Svoboda. It is perhaps significant that Professor Manning is a friend of Dr. Friedrich Auhagen, who was recently indicted by the Federal authorities on charges of failure to register as an agent for a foreign government.

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APPEASERS, INC.

Occupying a dingy, three-room suite on the third floor of the Maryland Building in Washington, D. C., is an organization called the American Defenders, Inc. Its professed purpose is keeping America out of war, distributing the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and carrying on other patriotic activities. The most recent project of the organization has been a "Peace Poll," conducted by mail on a nationwide scale, with the alleged intention of ascertaining the anti-war sentiment in the United States.

Actually the aims of the American Defenders, Inc. are far from patriotic. The Hour has learned that the organization is a key link in the appeasement chain. Its brain trustees are pro-Nazi or anti-

Semitic, or both. Its behind-the-scenes support comes from bigwigs in the U. S. Fifth Column. Its chief objective is welding together the work of the many appeasement groups that have sprung up, like so many weeds, across the countryside.

Pierson & Co.

In charge of the Washington office is a Mr. E. H. Pierson. When jingoistically inclined, Pierson claims he is against Hitler; but he hastens to add, "I would rather live under Hitler than under the Jew Deal."

E. H. Pierson was formerly Washington representative for Father Charles E. Coughlin, who still evidences considerable interest in the affairs of his erstwhile agent. Pierson confides that his other intimates include Verne Marshall, Lawrence Dennis, Charles E. Lindbergh and Senator Robert Reynolds. This is not altogether an idle boast. The Hour is informed that Pierson himself admits having conferred with Lindbergh in mapping out the original strategy of the American Defenders. Pierson is a frequent visitor to the offices of Senator Reynolds of North Carolina.

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PLANS OF JOSEPH MCWILLIAMS

Joseph E. McWilliams, American Destiny Party fuehrer, has confided to his intimates his intention of running for New York City Councilman in the next elections. This person admits his chances of obtaining office are slim, but he stresses the importance of keeping in the public eye. He boasts he is modeling his tactics on those of Adolf Hitler. "For a long time," he says, "everyone considered Hitler a nobody, just someone to laugh at. But Adolf kept right on plugging. He made a point of getting his name in the news, of having people talk about him. And look what happened!"

Under the supervision of McWilliams, American Destiny Party leaders are preparing an intensive spring campaign. As soon as the weather permits, street corner meetings will begin in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Special stormtroop units are being organized. A program for recruiting large numbers of new members has been drawn up. According to McWilliams, the time is ripe for an increase in Fifth Column activity throughout the country; and he wants to do his share in promoting the fascist boom.

Current Activities

An immediate project of the American Destiny Party is a Christian Merchants Guide for Astoria, Long Island, similar to the lists of "Aryan businessmen" the Party has already published in Manhattan. A

number of McWilliams' henchmen are visiting Astoria merchants. Posing as church representatives, they ask each shopkeeper to name his religion. Jewish merchants are blacklisted.

At a recent meeting held at the Astoria Casino, Louis Helmond, secretary of the Destiny Party exulted that although the "Guide" was anti-Semitic, "the Jews can't do a damn thing about it." McWilliams spoke after him. He said that boycotting the Jews was just a temporary expediency, that soon "der Tag" would come when whole-hearted measures could be taken.

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NAZI CULTURE IN SPAIN

The March 10 issue of Facts In Review, propaganda bulletin of the German Library of Information in New York City, reveals that the Third Reich is not limiting its invasion of Spain to military activity. Along with German troops, large amounts of Nazi propaganda are coming into Spain. Facts In Review describes the latest incident in the ideological campaign as "A German Book Fair In Barcelona." The bulletin reports the event as follows:

"In recognition of the close cultural, economic and political ties that have developed between Germany and Spain in recent years, a German book fair was held recently at the University of Barcelona. Leading personalities in every department of the Spanish government... attended the impressive opening ceremonies. The German publishing trade presented the University with a library of 5,000 volumes."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDEX TO THE HOUR

An index to the first seventy-five issues of The Hour, covering a period from April 30, 1939, to December 14, 1940, has been compiled and is now ready for distribution.

A foreword to the index, signed by Frederick L. Schuman, Leland Stowe, Hendrik Willem van Loon, Wythe Williams and Albert E. Kahn, states:

"We feel this is not an ordinary index. It is a bird's-eye view of the U. S. Fifth Column, a catalogue of American Quislings and their machinations. The pages that follow do not merely list names and places. They graphically reveal a myriad of stormtroop bands and petty-führers operating in every section of this country. They disclose an enemy army on American soil. We publish this index in the hope it will prove useful in the fight against those anti-democratic forces."

This index will be sent, free of charge, to regular recipients of The Hour who request copies.